I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

It is clear that the existing media conglomerates need no hand-outs in their efforts to expand. On the other hand the American public, in their efforts to remain a vital and intelligent democracy, needs to know that the means of communication created for that purpose and guaranteed through the FCC, remain open and accessible. You know that democracy is better served by the ownership cap than without it. We are writing to tell you that we know it too.

Do not remove one of the last safeguards on democratic media! Thank you.